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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA DONORS MEETING

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1. DUE TO DELAYED RECEIPT OF FULL TEXT REFTEL A AND ABSENCE OF DIR. EXTERNAL AID DIVISION, MFA, EMBASSY ECON/COMM COUNSELOR CALLED ON DEPUTY DIR. T. O'BRIAN LATE OCTOBER 16 TO DISCUSS PRESENT STATUS OF MOVE TO SET UP LAOS AND VN SUB-GROUPS. HE EXPLAINED US INTEREST IN HAVING OCTOBER 17 MEETING AUTHORIZE SEPARATE FOLLOW-UP MEETING ON SVN AND LAOS AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACCOMMODATE OTHER COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE A COMPROMISE. HE EXPRESSED HOPE GNZ MIGHT SUPPORT COMPROMISE AND ATTEND FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS.
 2. O'BRIAN REVIEWED GENERAL POSITION PRESENT LABOUR GOVERNMENT ON AID TO INDOCHINA (REFTEL C).
 3. IT APPARENT THAT, THOUGH EVEVHANDEDNESS IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF PRESENT GNZ INDOCHINA POLICY, GNZ APPRECIATES PROBLEMS AND LIMITATIONS TO ACHIEVING THIS AT THIS TIME AND IS BASICALLY NOT UNSYMPATHETIC WITH US POSITION; BUT IT IS RELUCTANT TO ALLOW ITSELF TO BE DRAWN MORE INTO CONTROVERSY OVER ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-GROUPS ON LAOS AND VN.
 4. THIS APPARENTLY IS PARTLY PROMPTED BY FEELING THIS COULD RESULT, INTER ALIA, IN INCREASED INVOLVEMENT AND ALSO POSSIBLE PRESSURE FOR ADDITIONAL GNZ AID TO INDOCHINA AND, AS O'BRIAN SAID, "THIS ISN'T ON WITH PRESENT GOVERNMENT." THE DOLS 10 MILLION IN AID FOR INDOCHINA ANNOUNCED IN MID-1973 (SEE REFTEL C) STILL STANDS AND WILL NOT BE INCREASED.
 5. GNZ'S BEING REPRESENTED ONLY BY AN OBSERVER (G. PARKINSON) AT THE PARIS MEETING IS AIMED AT MAINTAINING THIS MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD DEMONSTRATION OF INTEREST BUT AVOIDANCE OF TOO EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT.
 6. IN THE LIGHT OF THIS, IT IS DOUBTFUL, WITH HE INSTRUCTIONS PARKINSON HAS, THAT HE WILL TAKE ACTIVE PART IN MEETING OR
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- TAKE A STAND ON THE ISSUES.
7. HE IS THERE TO LISTEN, OBSERVE AND REPORT.
 8. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, AT THIS POINT, TECHNIQUES MOST LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE IN INFLUENCING FUTURE GNZ POSITION WOULD BE TO ASSURE PARKINSON IS KEPT AS FULLY BRIEFED AS POSSIBLE AND UNDERSTANDS US STRATEGY AS IT EVOLVES.

HIS REPORT ON THE MEETING CAN BE IMPORTANT IN FINLUENCING
FUTURE GNZ POLICY.
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